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**SUBJECT: STATUS REPORT – 45 DAY EXTENSION REQUEST FOR
PROPOSITION 47 – ANALYSIS OF COST SAVINGS AND SERVICE
IMPROVEMENTS (Board Agenda Item 3, December 1, 2015)**

On December 1, 2015, your Board instructed the Auditor-Controller to: (a) conduct an analysis of existing, and newly required, accountability measures that capture any past and potential future cost savings (or increases) and/or service improvements (or declines) attributed to Proposition 47, (b) examine best practices used by other counties to quantify cost savings, (c) propose a methodology for considering how to reallocate future cost savings (or increases) in order to ensure that the Public Defender (PD) and Alternate Public Defender (APD) have sufficient resources to expeditiously process applications for sentence reductions before the three-year deadline, (d) include a full statement of the methodologies employed to assess cost savings, and (e) seek input from interested research organizations.

We are in the process of reviewing and evaluating the impact of Proposition 47 for eight County departments (Sheriff's Department, Probation Department, District Attorney, PD, APD, Department of Health Services, Department of Mental Health, and the Department of Public Health). We are also working with each respective department to identify any potential cost savings and/or the reallocation or reinvestment of resources attributed to Proposition 47. In addition, we are contacting neighboring counties and obtaining input from interested research organizations which we will consider in our report.

We expect to complete our review and report back to your Board by April 15, 2016. If you have any questions please call me, or your staff may contact Robert Smythe at (213) 253-0100.

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